

We cannot make India behave like a truly democratic country, but we can apply pressure by withholding aid and by publicly declaring our support for a democratic vote in Punjab, Khalistan, and other Indian states on the subject of self-determination. If India is truly democratic, this is the way it should settle these issues.

The Governors of New Jersey and Texas have declared the "Year of the Khalsa." Numerous Members of Congress from both parties have saluted the Sikhs on this historic anniversary. The new Mayor of Washington, D.C. sent congratulatory remarks. As Sikhs move into their fourth century, they should celebrate their next anniversary in freedom in their own sovereign, independent country. Let us honor their history and their struggle by supporting their effort to be free.

I would like to add Mayor Williams' letter of congratulations to the RECORD.

CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN—
"RECOGNIZE YE ALL THE HUMAN RACE AS ONE"

300TH ANNIVERSARY, APRIL 10, 1999

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, it is my distinct pleasure to extend warm greetings and congratulations to the members, guest and friends of the Council of Khalistan as you celebrate your 300th Anniversary of the initiation of the Khalsa Panth.

This is a significant milestone in the history of the Sikh Nation as you celebrate this Vaisaakhee Day. Sikhism is the youngest of the world's religion, and it is humility and service to mankind that are regarded as most important. Religion plays an important role in our daily lives, and you are to be commended for your efforts to provide spiritual enhancement to your membership, service to the community and commitment to the principles of peace, progress, dignity, integrity, human rights and justice for all.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, thank you for making a difference in our lives and best wishes in your quest for holy fulfillment.

ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS,
Mayor, District of Columbia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, due to my wife having a medical procedure in Alabama, I was unable to cast rollcall votes on April 13, 1999. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 81, H.R. 46 the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act; and I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 82. H. Con. Res. 35 commending the people of Qatar for recent elections and commitment to the principles of democracy.

TRIBUTE TO TERESA JACKSON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor seven young women

in my district who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

The Gold Award requires the greatest achievement in career exploration, service to other people, and acquisition of skills. This award is a strong reflection of these youngsters' ability to set goals, to put value into action, to plan, and to relate to the needs of the community.

I wish to recognize Teresa Jackson of Troop 1325 in Anaheim, CA.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to congratulate and thank Karin Carlson, Director of Program Services for the Girl Scout Council of Orange County for notifying of their achievements. On behalf of the people of the 41st Congressional District of California, let me say that we are all proud of you.

IN HONOR OF OHIO TRAILS AND GREENWAYS DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ohio Trails and Greenways Day on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, and the work of the Ohio Field Office of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Ohio Field Office (RTC-Ohio) has three main goals: awareness, potential and sharing. RTC strives to promote awareness of trail and greenway projects in local communities, surrounding regions and throughout the state. The organization also seeks to explore the possibilities that trail and greenway projects offer to both transportation and recreation opportunities for the citizens of Ohio and visitors to the state. Their third goal is to create an atmosphere where information about trails and greenways is easily understood and accessible by everyone.

RTC has completed over 300 miles of rail-trail and is currently working on over 500 additional miles. In recognition of the importance of conservation and the efforts of RTC Ohio Governor Taft will officially declare April 20, 1999 at Ohio Trails and Greenways Day.

I am pleased to join in celebration of Ohio Trails and Greenways Day and wish the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy continued success in their environmental protection efforts.

HONORING PEGGY HASKINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Peggy Haskins for her tireless contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Although she was born in Tams, West Virginia, Peggy Haskins has truly made an indelible mark in Brooklyn, New York. From her volunteer work with the Society for Seaman's Foster children where she teaches arts and crafts to I.S. 364 and P.S. 346 where she provides classroom and yearbook support, Peggy Haskins unselfishly shares her time and energy.

As the youngest of 11 children born to Louis and Sarah, Peggy's family spirit has also benefited the Women's Caucus for Congressman Edolphus Towns. She is a loyal, committed and inspiring member who prefers being in the background rather than in the forefront.

Peggy's concern for the Brooklyn community-at-large is also apparent in her professional life. She presently works for the New York City Board of Education. She is also working closely with her mentor, Dr. Ivan Bodis-Wollner, M.D., D.Sc., Director of Parkinson Disease and Related Disorders at Kings County Hospital Center. Peggy has degrees from both Chubb Institute and Kingsborough Community College.

Despite her numerous activities, Peggy maintains quality time with her 14-year-old son, Adam, and enjoys worshipping at St. Paul's Community Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Peggy Haskins for her tireless and unwavering service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY SHEHADEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Shehadey for receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Institute of Family Business conference. Mr. Shehadey is in his 50th year with Producers Dairy Foods, Inc.

Larry Shehadey, 91, remains chairman of the board for the Fresno based Producers Dairy Foods which has a full line of dairy products, fruit punches and orange juices. Producers Dairy was not Larry Shehadey's first career. He began a successful soap business and sold it to Safeway, Shehadey then bought half interest in Producers as an investment. He became general manager and began controlling the company. Today Larry Shehadey presides over a family business that expanded from 25 to 300 employees, sells milk products from Eureka to Santa Barbara, operates a chain of convenience stores and farms 7,000 acres of land on the west side of the Valley that provides feed for the company's 7,000 head of cattle.

Producers is capable of milking 2,500 cows, twice a day. Shehadey is proud to be one of the few remaining locally owned independent businesses in the Central Valley. He has served on many dairy boards, including the Dairy Council of California; Dairy Institute of California as president, California Growers Association; and The All Star Dairy Association, where he held the position of charter member.

Larry Shehadey was married for 63 years to wife Elayne, who passed away recently, and has two sons, Richard and John and eight grandchildren. Richard, president of Producers, runs the company with his father.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Larry Shehadey on his Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Shehadey's service to the community is commendable. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Larry many more years of continued success.